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The SPECTATOR.

Tune Impune hæc facias? Tune hic homines adoleſcentulos
Imperitos rerum, eductos libere, in fraudem illicis?
Sollicitando, & pollicitando eorum animos lactas?
Ac meritricios amores nuptiis conglutinas? Ter. And.

Tueſday, July 22. 1712.

THE other Day paſs'd by me in her Chariot a Lady, with that pale and wan Complexion, which we ſometimes ſee in young People, who are fallen into Sorrow and private Anxiety of Mind, which antedate Age and Sickneſs. It is not three Years ago ſince ſhe was gay, airy, and a little towards Libertine in her Carriage; but, methought, I eaſily forgave her that little Inſolence, which ſhe ſo ſeverely pays for in her preſent Condition. *Favilla*, of whom I am ſpeaking, is marry'd to a ſullen Fool with Wealth: Her Beauty and Merit are loſt upon the Dolt, who is inſenſible of Perfection in any thing. Their Hours together are either painful or inſipid: The Minutes ſhe has to her ſelf in his Abſence, are not ſufficient to give Vent at her Eyes to the Grief and Torment of his laſt Converſation. This poor Creature was ſacrific'd with a Temper (which, under the Cultivation of a Man of Senſe, wou'd have made the moſt agreeable Companion) into the Arms of this loathſome Yoak-fellow by *Sempronia*. *Sempronia* is a good Lady, who ſupports her ſelf in affluent Condition, by contracting Friendſhip with rich young Widows and Maids of plentiful Fortunes at their own Diſpoſal, and beſtowing her Friends upon Worthleſs indigent Fellows; on the other Side, ſhe enſnares inconſiderate and raſh Youths of great Eſtates into the Arms of vitious Women. For this Purpoſe, ſhe is accompliſhed in all the Arts which can make her acceptable at impertinent Viſits; ſhe knows all that paſſes in every Quarter, and is well acquainted with all the favourite Servants, Buſy-bodies, Dependants, and poor Relations of all Perſons of Condition in the whole Town. At the Price of a good Sum of Money, *Sempronia*, by the Inſtigation of *Favilla*'s Mother, brought about the Match for the Daughter, and the Reputation of this which is apparently, in point of Fortune, more than *Favilla* could expect, has gain'd her the Viſits and frequent Attendance of the Crowd of Mothers, who had rather ſee their Children miſerable in great Wealth, than the Happieſt of the Race of Mankind in a leſs conſpicuous State of Life. When *Sempronia* is ſo well acquainted with a Woman's Temper and Circumſtance, that ſhe believes Marriage would be acceptable to her, and advantageous to the Man who ſhall get her; her next Step is to look out for ſome one, whoſe Condition has ſome ſecret Wound in it, and wants a Sum, yet, in the Eye of the World, not unſuitable to her. If ſuch is not eaſily had, ſhe immediately adorns a worthleſs Fellow with what Eſtate ſhe thinks convenient, and adds as great a Share of good Humour and Sobriety as is requiſite: After this is ſetled, no Importunities, Arts, and Devices are omitted to haſten the Lady to her Happineſs. In the general indeed ſhe is a Perſon of ſo ſtrict Juſtice, that ſhe marries a poor Gallant to a rich Wench, and a Moneyleſs Girl to a Man of Fortune. But then ſhe has no manner of Conſcience in the Diſparity, when ſhe has a Mind to impoſe a poor Rogue for one of an Eſtate; ſhe has no Remorſe in adding to it, that he is illiterate, ignorant, and unfaſhion'd; but makes thoſe Imperfections Arguments of the Truth of his Wealth; and will, on ſuch an Occaſion, with a very grave Face, charge the People of Condition with Negligence in the Education of their Children. Exception being made t'other Day againſt an ignorant Booby of her own Cloathing, whom ſhe was putting off for a rich Heir, *Madam*, ſaid ſhe, *you know there is no making Children who know they have Eſtates attend their Books.*

Sempronia, by theſe Arts, is loaded with Preſents, importun'd for her Acquaintance, and admir'd

mir'd by thoſe who do not know the firſt Taſte of Life, as a Woman of exemplary good Breeding. But ſure, to murder and to rob are leſs Iniquities, than to raiſe Profit by Abuſes, as irreparable as taking away Life; but more grievous, as making it laſtingly unhappy. To rob a Lady at Play of Half her Fortune, is not ſo ill, as giving the whole and her ſelf to an unworthy Husband. But *Sempronia* can adminiſter Conſolation to an unhapy Fair at Home, by leading her to an agreeable Gallant elſewhere. She can then preach the general Condition of all the Married World, and tell an unexperienced young Woman the Methods of ſoftning her Affliction, and laugh at her Simplicity and Want of Knowledge, with an *Oh! my Dear, you will know better.*

The Wickedneſs of *Sempronia*, one would think, ſhould be ſuperlative; but I cannot but eſteem that of ſome Parents equal to it; I mean ſuch as ſacrifice the greateſt Endowments and Qualifications to baſe Bargains. A Parent who forces a Child of a liberal and ingenious Spirit into the Arms of a Clown or a Blockhead, obliges her to a Crime too odious for a Name. It is in a Degree the unnatural Conjunction of rational and brutal Beings. Yet what is there ſo common, as the beſtowing an accompliſhed Woman with ſuch a Diſparity. And I could name Crowds who lead miſerable Lives, for want of Knowledge in their Parents, of this Maxim, that good Senſe and good Nature always go together. That which is attributed to Fools, and call'd good Nature, is only an Inability of obſerving what is faulty, which turns in Marriage, into a Suſpicion of every thing as ſuch, from a Conſciouſneſs of that Inability.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Am intirely of your Opinion with Relation 'to the Equeſtrian Females, who affect both 'the Maſculine and Feminine Air at the ſame 'time; and cannot forbear making a Preſentment 'againſt another Order of them who grow very 'numerous and powerful; and ſince our Language 'is not very capable of good compound Words, I 'muſt be contented to call them only the *Naked Shoulder'd*. Theſe Beauties are not contented to 'make Lovers wherever they appear, but they muſt 'make Rivals at the ſame time. Were you to ſee '*Gatty* walk the *Park* at high Mall, you would ex'pect thoſe who followed her and thoſe who met 'her could immediately draw their Swords for 'her. I hope, Sir, you will provide for the fu'ture, that Women may ſtick to their Faces for 'doing any future Miſchief, and not allow any 'but direct Traders in Beauty to expoſe more than 'the fore Part of the Neck, unleſs you pleaſe to 'allow this After-Game to thoſe who are very de'fective in the Charms of the Conntenance. I 'can ſay, to my Sorrow, the preſent Practice is 'very unfair, when to look back is Death; and it 'may be ſaid of our Beauties, as a great Poet did 'of Bullets,

They kill and wound like Parthians *as they fly.*

'I ſubmit this to your Animadverſion; and am, 'for the little while I have left,

Your humble Servant,
the languiſhing PHILANTHUS.

P. S. *Suppoſe you mended my Letter, and made a Smile about the Porcupine, but I ſubmit that alſo.*

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